

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY  
SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND  
SECONDARY DISTRICTS**

**July 23, 2008**

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Hawthorne called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

**Attendance at Meeting**

John Collins	Rachel Dewey Thorsett	Cynthia Hawthorne	Don Maxwell
Felix Robles	Ken Wagman	Wendy Strimling	

Alan Pagano, Superintendent  
Tanya Krause, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Members of the Audience

**Agenda Changes**

Superintendent Pagano requested approval of one additional item for General Public Business, Consent Agenda, Item 1.1 Certificated Personnel Actions. MSP (Strimling/Dewey Thorsett) 7-0, the Trustees approved the addition to the Certificated Personnel Actions.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Dr. Jim Logsdon offered congratulations to Superintendent Pagano and Mr. Moss for the district's approach to negotiations regarding the Pacific Collegiate School property lease. Dr. Logsdon also asked the Trustees to evaluate the Superintendent in a timely fashion.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Pagano welcomed those in attendance to the first Regular Meeting for the 2008-09 school year. The Superintendent clarified information regarding two upcoming decisions: 1) a recommendation for Board action pertaining to the transition of the Dual Immersion Language Program from DeLaveaga Elementary School to the Branciforte Middle School will come before the Board on September 10, 2008; 2) no action will be taken regarding the Santa Cruz High School Swimming Pool Project at the August 13 meeting as that meeting has been rescheduled. The Superintendent acknowledged the exemplary work of the Special Projects Department especially Director Villalobos-Osey, including the LEA Master Plan and Site Plans and addressing compliance issues.. Santa Cruz City Schools has recently been informed by the State of California that all compliance issues have been resolved and funding for District programs is secure.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Strimling moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2008, and Mr. Collins seconded this motion. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

## GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Consent Agenda

Ms. Strimling moved approval of the Consent Agenda, pending approval by the Business Office of some suggested language corrections on Page 25 of the Board Book. Mr. Collins seconded this motion. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: Personnel Actions – *Certificated* (Ex. 1); Personnel Actions – *Classified* (Ex. 2); Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 3); Warrant Register; Change Orders (Ex. 4); MOU's (2) Special Education (Ex. 5); Lease Agreement Campus Kids Connection – Branciforte Small Schools (Ex. 6). This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:  
**Roll Call Vote:** Collins – Yes      Dewey Thorsett – Yes      Hawthorne – Yes  
Maxwell – Yes      Robles – Yes      Strimling – Yes      Wagman – Yes

At the conclusion of this vote, Superintendent Pagano introduced DeLaveaga Principal Ruth Smith to the Board Members, Staff Members, and Community Members.

### Closed Session Action Report

The Board an update Re: Negotiations – Collective Bargaining Session (Govt. Code Section 3549.1(d) Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Alan Pagano, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with the GSCFT for 2008-09 - Guest Teachers

The Board received information regarding the status of the vacant Principal positions at DeLaveaga and Gault Elementary.

Negotiations w/Unrepresented Employees – Management – No action taken

Superintendent's Performance Evaluation (Govt. Code § 54957) – No action taken

## ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

### **New Business: Conceptual Agreement for ROP Green Careers Program at 313 Swift Street**

Superintendent Pagano introduced Director Bryan Wall and Carol Polhamus from the Santa Cruz COE to discuss these new opportunities for students. The Green Careers proposal involves a two-part approach to educating students in the basics of environmental science and green career opportunities and then matching students to local businesses and agencies based on their interests. Course outlines include: Green Building and Green Technology; Alternative Transportation; Natural Resource Protection; Recreation and Eco-Tourism; Education; Organic Farming. Placement in short-term paid and unpaid internships will provide students with hands-on experience and mentoring matched to their specific career interest. Eventually, students will move to longer-term paid and unpaid internships that will provide work experience and specific job skills to pursue their fields of interests.

The Superintendent reported the lease agreement will come back to the Board of Education for approval at the first August 2008 Regular Meeting, and that lease rate would be determined by current market value and based similarly to the rates that SCCS requests for its other sites.

MSP (Collins/Wagman) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Conceptual Agreement for the ROP Green Careers Program at 313 Swift Street.

**New Business: Nomination for Outstanding CA Legislator of the Year**

It was recommended that the Trustees approve the nomination of Assemblyman John Laird as the recipient of the California Schools Boards Association 2008 Outstanding Legislator of the Year award. The Superintendent asked for a volunteer from the Board to fill out the nominating form, and Board President Hawthorne agreed to perform this service. MSP (Dewey Thorsett/Wagman) 7-0, the Board of Education approved Assemblyman John Laird as the Nominee for Outstanding CA 2008 Legislator of the Year award.

**Information**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for August 20, 2008, Room 312, District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA. The Regular Meeting scheduled for August 27, 2008, will also be held in Room 312 of the District Office at 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, Board President Hawthorne adjourned this Regular Meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Cynthia Hawthorne, President  
Board of Education